

SPECIALISTS IN TOPIARY

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The most interesting event at Heronwood this season is HERONWOOD ORGANIC FERTILIZER, made from the great formula of Mrs. William Seipp of Middleburg -- odorless, slow steady action -- does not scorch plants.

A two-year test on fruit, vegetables, flowers, shrubs, and greenhouse plants at Heronwood with this fertilizer has produced great increase in vigor, size, and production of fruit and flowers.

Printed instructions included.

Makes a unique and muchly-valued gift for your gardening friends, as well as for yourself.

Supplied in heavy-duty paper bags, each containing 10 lbs. of concentrated fertilizer.

Price: 10 lb. sacks \$2.50 each
5 sacks (50-lbs.) \$10.00
F.O.B. Nursery

We urge you to give this fertilizer a try.

HERONWOOD POISON IVY KILLER. With a knife, scrape off a few slivers of the bark on the trunk of a poison ivy vine, apply our Poison Ivy Killer to the wounds with a brush. The Killer is absorbed into the sap-stream of the poison-ivy plant with rapid and lethal results. Especially useful where poison-ivy has invaded other vines or plants which you do not wish to disturb. Works best in spring and early summer, when sap is flowing in the poison-ivy. Only a small amount of Killer needed in each application.

Price: \$2.00 a 1/2 pint jar.

HERONWOOD SPECIALTIES AND NEW INTRODUCTIONS

Chugai Dwarf Japanese Azaleas. Rare and hard to find. Hardy and vigorous. Plants have low, spreading form. Bloom in June when other azaleas have finished. Plant completely covered with a blanket of ruffled blossoms; white, tinged or streaked with a soft, clear pink. 2-year bedded plants 6" x 8" \$2.00 each.

Also a very limited quantity of larger plants:

12" high 18" spread \$6.00 each.
18" high 30" spread \$8.00 each.

Other Choice Azaleas:

Treasure (Glen Dale). Cameo pink - mid-April to end of April.
Roxanne (Beltsville). Deep pink to salmon pink. Hose-in-hose.
Rose Greely (Gable's Hardy). Pure white.
Frosty (Beltsville). Pure white. Hose-in-hose.
Plants 6" - 10" high. Bedded \$2.00 each.

Rare Dwarf Conifers. Fascinating in form and texture. Collected on the West Coast and elsewhere. Supplied in Italian clay pots or American cast stone pots. Very effective on terraces, etc. Cast stone pots can be painted any desired color. Plants hardy outdoors all year. No two plants alike, but matched pairs available.

Overall height (including pots): 1 1/2' - 3'

Arborvitae, Tom Thumb

Cupressus Lawsoniana minima (dwarf blue cypress)

Cupressus Lawsoniana cyano viridis (dwarf green cypress)

Picea microsperma (dwarf bush spruce)

Tsuga Hussii (dwarf hemlock)

Pinus densiflora tanyoho (Japanese Table Pine)

Price (with pots): \$35 each \$50 a pair.

Larger dwarf conifers, superb specimens in heavy imported cast stone or clay pots.

Height overall (with pots) 40".

Dwarf mugho pines

Juniper myeri

Moss cypress

Hinoki cypress

Hex opaca, weeping holly

Price (with pots): \$50 each \$90 a pair.

TOPIARY * TOPIARY * TOPIARY

This is the great Heronwood specialty, a revival of the ancient art of training plants into fantastic forms; an art that originated in Ancient Rome and had subsequent revivals in Renaissance Italy, and in 17th and 18th Century France and England.

Our fine pieces of yew and boxwood topiary are expensive because of the many years of expert care that are needed to produce a finished specimen. But we are now producing very handsome topiary in euonymus, althea, and Korean lilac at much lower prices. See the detailed descriptions below.

Topiary in Trailing Euonymus (c. fortunei radicans). Close-clipped trailing euonymus (dark green or variegated leaves) covers wire mesh cores formed into shapes of great beauty and sharpness of outline. Hardy. Sun or shade. Easy upkeep. For beds in the garden or in tubs on the terrace. Heights range from 18" - 40". Available in these shapes; singly or in matched pairs:

Armillary sphere

Eagle

Goose

Obelisk

Swan

Fantail Pigeon

Obelisk with ball

Heron

Cylinder with ball

Duck

Price: \$50.00 each \$90.00 a pair.

Standards. A "standard", or "standardized" plant is a piece of topiary with a single straight, upright trunk surmounted by a round, symmetrical head of foliage.

White Althea (Rose of Sharon) Standards. This hardy old garden favorite, bearing large white flowers in August, we have shaped into very smart standards. For tubs or beds. Height about 4'.

Price: \$5.00 per plant.

Handsome cast-stone pots for altheas:

Pots 16" high: \$10.00

Pots 14" high: \$ 8.00

Korean Lilac Standards. A beautiful foliage plant (deciduous) that responds readily to clipping and shaping. We have produced very handsome, symmetrical specimens; a round head on a straight, clean trunk. In the spring it carries a mass of tiny mauve blossoms. Hardy outdoors all winter. Plants furnished in cast-stone pots. Overall height (with pots) about 6'.

Price (with pots): \$75.00 each.

American Boxwood Standards. Over-all height, about 3' - 4- $\frac{1}{2}$ '. Diameter of round heads, about 24" - 45". Height of straight smooth trunk below head, about 24" - 40". A superb horticultural production. Stunning in tubs, or as accents in beds or at entrance ways. The large-size, mature specimens have required about 50 years to develop. Ours is probably the finest collection of boxwood standards in America.

Price: \$50.00 to \$300.00 each.

American Boxwood Cluster Standards. Each specimen consists of 2 - 5 plumey heads on individual clean stems. Height 5' - 9'. Valuable in planting design.

Price: \$25.00 to \$50.00 each.

Topiary Figures. These attract the attention of all our visitors and are of great beauty and interest. Most of them have required years to develop; including the selection of designs, hand-crafting of steel-rod frames, and years of patient clipping and tying. An enormous amount of time, constant supervision, and skilled workmanship thus goes into producing a finished specimen. Once matured and "set", a finished piece is then simple to maintain. Among the forms ready for market we have (all in American boxwood, except where noted):

Ball-on-Ball and Ball-on-Cube. Singles or matched pairs. Height about 5'. Diameter of balls about 2-1/2' - 3'.

Price: \$150.00 to \$400.00 each. Lower prices on pairs.

Birds and Animals. Fowls, swans, herons, penguins, reindeer, wild turkeys, pheasant, emu, peacocks with spread tails. Prices range from \$50.00 for simpler pieces to \$700.00 for a splendid giant peacock with spread tail.

Geometrical Forms in Yew and Hemlock. Obelisks, pyramids, ball-on-cube, spirals (not yet at full growth). Heights about 2-1/2' - 5'. Suitable for bedding or tubs. Prices: \$25.00 to \$75.00

Note: Detailed descriptions of topiary, with photographs, and prices on request. But personal inspection is advised for those interested.

BOXWOOD AND HEDGING AND INDIVIDUAL PIECES

American Giant Tree Box Hedge. This is a solid hedge approximately 250' long, 14' high, 10' thick. Magnificent quality and condition. Unclipped. Price for entire hedge \$4,000. Individual pieces from the hedge may be obtained, price depending on pieces selected and number purchased.

American Boxwood Hedging. Prime condition. Thrifty growth. Unclipped.

Price: About 6' high \$15.00 a foot length.

About 4' high \$ 5.00 a foot length.

Individual Pieces, American Boxwood, and Arborescence (curly-leaf) Boxwood. Prime condition. Good conformation. Height 3' - 8'.

Prices very reasonable and depend on size, shape, and number purchased.

English Boxwood Hedging. Prime quality. About 6" high.

Price: \$1.50 each, \$15.00 dozen.

SPECIAL! Dwarf Boxwood (buxus microphylla compacta). Rare. Dwarf. Tiny rich green leaves make the plant a solid mound. Tested for hardiness as far north as Canada, and in the South. Withstands heat and drought. Sun or shade. Eventually grows about 18" high. 24" spread. Splendid for edging. Plants 3"-4" high \$1.50 each, \$15.00 dozen.

RARE OR HARD-TO-FIND GROUND COVERS AND VINES

Ajuga (Bugle). 4" - 6" high. Spikes of blue flowers in spring. Thick, luxuriant leaves. Shade or partial shade. Spreads readily.

Price: \$1.00 a clump, \$10.00 a dozen.

Sarcococca. Glossy, green leaves. Thick, upright clumps about 14" high that can be clipped down to a dense mat about 8" high. Best in shade. Rare.

Price: \$1.00 a clump, \$10.00 a dozen.

Euonymus, trailing (E. Fortunei radicans). Very small dark green leaves. Excellent cover for banks, and will climb on terraces and walls and form a thick mat. Sun or shade.

Price: \$1.00 a clump, \$10.00 a dozen.

Variegated trailing euonymus. A rare variation, each leaf white and bright green.

Price: \$2.00 each, \$20.00 a dozen.

Heronwood Ivy. Medium sized, heavily veined, deeply palmate leaves of a leathery texture. Very hardy and fast growing.

Plants: \$.30 each, \$3.00 a dozen.

Paschysandra Silveredge. Rare. Much handsomer than common pachysandra. Leaves are light green with a narrow silvery-white margin. Makes a pleasing contrast with other ground covers.

Price: \$1.00 a clump, \$10.00 a dozen.

Polygonum Reynowtria. A ground cover especially good for large areas where quick results are needed. Very hardy. Tolerates poor soil. Spreads rapidly. About 12" - 18" high but can be kept clipped lower. Handsome green leaves. Covered with sprays of coral and salmon flowers in September.

Price: \$1.00 a clump, \$10.00 a dozen.

RARE GROUND COVERS AND VINES (cont'd.):

Jasminum Nudiflorum. We have strong, thrifty clumps (approx. 18" high) of this old-fashioned favorite. Grows up to 5 feet tall, with a spreading form. Myriads of little star-like yellow blossoms, February to April. Excellent for planting on banks.

Price: \$2.00 a clump, \$20.00 a dozen.

Shamrock (Old English) Ivy. Small, arrow-like, dark green leaves. A beautiful pot plant. Can stay outdoors in winter but we recommend it be brought inside as otherwise leaves turn a dull, brown color in cold weather.

Price: \$1.50 a plant.

Sweet Woodruff. A ground cover for shady places. 4" high. Leaves scented. Does not stay green in winter.

Price: \$.75 a clump, \$8.00 a dozen.

Funkia - Hosta or Plantain Lily. We have a supply of very handsome variegated funkia, f. Alba Marginata, a picturesque plant with handsome big green leaves edged and stripped with white. 3' spikes of pale mauve blossoms. A stunning foliage plant for beds or borders or as ground cover under shrubbery. Hardy. Prefers shade. Thrifty clumps that spread rapidly.

Price: \$1.00 a clump, \$10.00 a dozen.

Also, we have the regular Funkia. Dark green leaves and lavender blossoms.

Price: \$.75 a clump, \$7.00 a dozen.

MISCELLANEOUS

Every nursery eventually acquires a miscellaneous list of plants that one would like to know about. Here are our interesting (we think) odds and ends;

Hellebore (Christmas Rose and Lenten Rose). One variety blooms in winter, the other in late winter and early spring. About 2' high. Handsome palmate leaves. Clusters of cream and pinkish flowers borne on upright stems from Christmas to Easter. Shade only.

Price: \$1.00 each, \$8.00 a dozen.

Upright Euonymus. Glossy dark green leaves. Evergreen. Ultimate height about 8'.

Price: 6" - 14" high \$.50 each, 3 for \$1.25, dozen \$4.00

14" - 24" high \$.75 each, 3 for \$2.00, dozen \$10.00

Winged Euonymus (Burning bush). Beautiful, lacy foliage. In autumn a blaze of salmon and rose color. Deciduous. Ultimate height about 16'. A slow grower. For hedges or as specimens. Sun or shade, but autumn color best in sun.

Price: 8" high \$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.50, dozen \$10.00.

30" high \$4.00 each.

VIOLETS

Confederate. Lavender-grey, large blossoms. Sun or shade.

White. Long flower stems, abundant spring bloom. Partial shade.

Price: \$2.50 a dozen.

CAMELLIAS FOR ESPALIERING

Sasangua. Does especially well espaliered on a brick wall. We have two varieties believed to have originated from seed and unobtainable elsewhere. Bloom in November, December. One has a profusion of medium sized pink blossoms. The other has large, single, white blossoms, edged with rosy-pink and with a large, lacy cluster of golden stamens.

Price: For 2-year old well-rooted cuttings, \$2.00 each.

Forsythia. Spring Glory, a lovely butter-yellow variety. Sun or partial shade.

Price: About 2' - 3' high \$.75 each.

About 3' - 4' high \$1.00 each.

Ligustrum (Chinese privet). Thrifty field-grown plants about 2' high. Sun or partial shade.

Price: \$.50 each, 3 for \$1.25, dozen \$4.00.

Hardy Orange (Poncirus trifoliata). Interesting thorny formation, white blossoms in spring, orange fruit in autumn. For hedges or as specimens. Grows up to 14' high. Deciduous. Sun or shade. Rare.

Price: About 30" high \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, dozen \$18.00

Hardy Orange Standards. Over-all height about 8' - 10'. Heads 4' - 6' diameter. Clean trunks. Very spectacular. Have taken years to develop.

Price: \$50.00 each, \$80.00 a matched pair.

Mahonia Bealii. Rare. We have a collection of the largest and thriftiest specimens we have ever seen for sale. Big, glossy, evergreen leaves with curious dentation. Yellow flower tassels in spring, followed by clusters of large purple-blue berries. Effective in clumps, or flanking an entrance or terrace steps. Does best in partial shade. Reaches ultimate height of about 7', with 4' - 5' spread. Evergreen. Rare.

Price: Seedlings 6" - 8", \$4.00 each.

Bushes 1' - 4', \$10.00 to \$50.00 each.

Golden Weeping Willow. The handsomest weeper we know. Rapid growth.

Price: Specimens 6' - 10' high, \$5.00 each. A bargain.

Curly-Leaf Willow. A rare, exotic, rapid grower. Each leaf a little corkscrew with frilled edges. Grows up to about 15' tall.

Price: 1' - 3' high \$5.00 each.

5' - 6' high \$8.00 each.

Pink and White Dogwood, American Holly, Swamp Magnolia. We can supply some fine large specimens up to 20' high. Prices and descriptions on application.

✓ Peiris Japonica (Andromeda). We have some unusually handsome and vigorous plants of this favorite shrub, with its handsome foliage and waxy-white drooping flowers.

Approx. 2-1/2' high.

Price: \$7.50 each.

Salix - French Pussy Willow. Fast growing. Hardy. Heavily loaded with long sprays of large velvety catkins in early spring that are ideal for cutting. Sturdy specimens about 4' tall. A very ornamental shrub or small tree.

Price: \$6.00 each, three for \$15.00

Oxydendrum Arboreum. Long, shapely leaves turn red in autumn. Clusters of white blossoms in late summer. Eventually may grow up to 30' high. Acid soil.

Price: Specimens approx. 8' high \$10.00 each.

BIENNIALS AND PERENNIALS

Aquilegia (Columbine). Giant long-spur from Sutton's English seed. Light blue, dark blue white, pink, yellow. Sun or light shade.

Plants \$.50 each, 3 for \$1.25, dozen \$4.00

Digitalis (Foxglove). Raised by us from Sutton's English seed. Cream, apricot, primrose. Sun or light shade.

Plants \$.50 each, 3 for \$1.25, dozen \$4.00

Heuchera (Coral bells). Sun or light shade. Pink or white.

Plants \$.50 each, 3 for \$1.25, dozen \$4.00

Gaillardia. Profusion of bloom, June to November, regardless of heat and drought. Vivid flowers, red with orange centers. Full sun.

Plants \$.50 each, 3 for \$1.25, dozen \$4.00

Hollyhocks. Giant doubles. Flower stalks 4' - 7' tall and very spectacular. Pink, red, white, yellow. Full sun.

Plants \$.70 each, 3 for \$2.00, dozen \$7.00

Iberis (Candytuft). Sun or light shade. Sheet of white bloom in spring. Handsome low foliage plant after blooming.

Plants \$.70 each, 3 for \$2.00, dozen \$7.00

Pansy. Giant bedder strains from Sutton's English seed. Purple, white, Ullswater blue (black centers), Coronation Gold, medium blue, pale blue, Crimson Queen, Lord Beaconsfield (purple violet), plus mixed colors. Sun or light shade.

Plants \$.50 each, 3 for \$1.25, dozen \$4.00

Sweet William. We have a beautiful strain of this great favorite, producing mammoth flower heads in May - June. Sun or light shade. White, scarlet, pink.

Plants \$.50 each, 3 for \$1.25, dozen \$4.00

Shasta Daisies. Double or single. May to August. Full sun.

Plants \$.70 each, 3 for \$2.00, dozen \$7.00

Red Hot Poker. Early summer. Sun or partial shade.

Plants \$.70 each, 3 for \$2.00, dozen \$7.00

Heliotrope. Summer bloom. Sun or partial shade.

Plants \$.70 each, 3 for \$2.00, dozen \$7.00

Gloriosa Daisies. Profusion of bloom, May till frost, regardless of heat or drought. Full sun. Flowers are about 4" across. Yellow or dark red, with black centers.

Plants \$.50 each, 3 for \$1.25, dozen \$4.00

POT PLANTS

(Not hardy outside in winter)

Primula Japonica Helodoxa. Hardy primrose. Vigorous potted plants. Crimson and mauves. Rare and unusual strain.

Price: \$2.00 each.

Rhizome Begonias: Spiral, Beefsteak, Angel Wing, Cleopatra. Superb pot plants. Beautiful and fantastic foliage. From late winter to early summer they rear long spikes of rosy-white and pink blossoms resembling sprays of tiny orchids.

Price (potted): \$2.00 to \$8.00 each, according to size. Smallest about 8" high.
Largest about 20" high.

Christmas Ivy. Fast growing. Leaves a clear, light green. For pots or hanging baskets.

Price: \$.50 per pot.

Fuchsia. Magellanica (ruby red pendant flowers), or Pink Fairy (rose pink). Standardized or free form. About 24" high.

Price (in pots): \$3.00

HERBS

Sorrel. The leaves of this plant make the great soup (cold or hot) called *hoseille* in France. Very hardy and lives for years. Our soup recipe gladly furnished. A dozen plants will furnish a constant supply of leaves for soup material for the average family.

Price: \$.50 a clump, \$2.50 per six, \$4.00 a dozen.

Lemon Balm, Thyme, Lavender, Sweet Marjoram, Savory, Chives, Flax, Hyssop, Rue.

Price: \$.50 a clump, \$2.50 per six, \$4.00 a dozen.

Clumps furnished in pots, \$.25 extra.

WILD STRAWBERRIES

We have an outstanding strain of imported French Fraises du Bois. Especially recommended as edging plants for the flower border. White blossoms and green leaves are handsome in spring. Berries produced in abundance from May to early August, and have the appealing wild strawberry taste and delicate fragrance. Delicious as a breakfast dish with powdered sugar, or as a dessert served chilled with other fruits such as sliced peaches or melon balls. Plants multiply rapidly and your supply soon can be increased by division.

Note: Fraises du Bois make a superb border for rose beds, since the strawberry plants are at their handsomest season during the May - June rose production. However, we recommend that the berries from plants around rose beds not be eaten, due to the poison sprays that are used on the roses.

Price: \$1.00 a clump. We cannot give a reduction on quantity purchases, due to the limited supply.

ANNUALS AND VEGETABLES

In the spring and early summer of 1962 we shall, as usual, carry a line of our popular home-grown plants of annuals and vegetables: petunias, zinnias, verbena, annual dwarf phlox, marigolds, ageratum, china asters, calendulas, etc. Also plants of red cabbage, giant tomatoes, leeks, sorrel, green peppers, red peppers, etc. Let us know if you wish to receive post card notice when the time comes, in Spring 1962.

GUARANTEE

Due to the rarity of our specimens we are unable to guarantee replacements. Exceptions are: Individual unclipped specimens of American boxwood which have been given reasonable care by the customer and which die within one year of purchase, will be replaced.

We do everything we can to start our plants off properly and we furnish written instructions on care. We can also furnish an inspection, pruning, fertilizing and spraying service for plants in the Middleburg-Washington Area.

SHIPPING

Prices quoted are for delivery at the nursery. Balling and burlaping of trees and shrubs free of charge. Shipments by freight, express, or truck collect. For large, important pieces we can make arrangements with a long-established landscape contractor for transporting and transplanting, at customer's expense.

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